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Sermon Title: The King and the Prostitutes

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Scripture: 1 Kings 3:27 - Then the king (Solomon) said, "Give the first woman the living child, and by no means kill him. She is his mother."

1. God keeps His own laws. He commands us to honor mothers so He honors them as well.
2. God's laws aren't arbitrary demands! They're expressions of His nature in terms we can understand.
3. Breaking God's laws doesn't set us free; it merely demonstrates we don't know Him well!
4. God honors mothers, even when they're not perfect, because His Law is perfect!
5. God's blessings are never primarily about us - they're about Him!
6. There are no perfect mothers!
7. God doesn't demand perfection of mothers. He extends His perfection to them!
8. God's honor includes the answers for any mother's problems!
9. God's honor is more than a warm feeling. It's His power at work.

Growth Group Questions

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WARM-UPS

1. Share something about your mom including a favorite memory.
2. What did you appreciate most about your mom growing up?

DISCUSSION

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. Like Solomon, if God offered to write you a “blank check,” what would you request?
3. As a mom, have you always viewed “motherhood” as a sacred calling? Why or why not? What do you like most about being a mom?
4. What are some the burdens or difficulties you have struggled with as a mom? Describe some of the joys.
5. How well have you been honoring your mom (if living)? Are there any changes you need to make? If so, what are they?
6. Over the years, how have you seen God honor and provide for you in your role as a mom?

IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today’s message.

- Ephesians 6:1-3
- Proverbs 1:8-9
- Lamentations 3:22-23

PRACTICE

- **Moms** - Spend some time alone with God this week journaling all the ways God has proven Himself faithful over the years by honoring your calling as a mom. Document specific examples and give Him thanks.
- **Dads and children** – spend some time alone with God this week asking him how you can better honor your mom (if living), and honor your spouse as mother of your children. Write them down and then commit to taking action steps.